## **Sub-strategy Request**

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			Expended Estimated		Requested	
Code:	Sub-strategy Request	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Objects of Expense:					
1001	Salaries and Wages	\$33,919	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1002	Other Personnel Costs	15,191	0	0	0	0
2001	Professional Fees and Services	7,362	50,713	0	0	0
2002	Fuels and Lubricants	0	0	0	0	0
2003	Consumable Supplies	618	407	0	0	0
2004	Utilities	209	0	0	0	0
2005	Travel	1,075	0	0	0	0
2006	Rent - Building	280	0	0	0	0
2007	Rent - Machine and Other	6	0	0	0	0
2009	Other Operating Expense	3,134	6,500	0	0	0
3001	Client Services	4,997	6,000	0	0	0
3002	Food for Persons - Wards of State	0	0	0	0	0
4000	Grants	0	0	0	0	0
5000	Capital Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
	Total, Objects of Expense	\$66,791	\$63,620	\$0	\$0	\$0

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	Method of Financing:					
0001	General Revenue Fund	\$869	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0758	GR Match for Medicaid	3,698	0	0	0	0
	Total, General Revenue Funds	\$4,567	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0555	Federal Funds:					
	CFDA #93.558 TANF State Family Assistance	6,744	0	0	0	0
	CFDA #93.645 Child Welfare Services - State Grants	48,807	63,620	0	0	0
	CFDA #93.658 Foster Care Title IV-E	63	0	0	0	0
	CFDA #93.658.050 Foster Care Title IV-E - Admin 50%	580	0	0	0	0
	CFDA #93.659 Adoption Assistance	28	0	0	0	0
	CFDA #93.659.050 Adoption Assistance Title IV-E - Admin 50%	259	0	0	0	0
	CFDA #93.778 Medical Assistance Program	5,743	0	0	0	0
	Total, Federal Funds	\$62,224	\$63,620	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total, Method of Financing	\$66,791	\$63,620	\$0	\$0	\$0
Number of Positions (FTE)		0.5	-	-		-

## Sub-strategy Description and Justification:

The Child Fatality Review Team project, administered by DFPS and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, medical examiners, justices of the peace, health-care professionals, CPS, mental health professionals, educators, child advocates, and others. The project goal is to develop an understanding of the causes of child fatalities and to identify local and statewide measures to reduce the number of preventable deaths. Local Child Fatality Review Teams (CFRTs) review all child deaths regardless of the cause. They collect data on the cases and transmit to DSHS for compilation and analysis. By collecting and analyzing data on how and why children die, communities can have access to information that is instrumental in the effort to reduce preventable child deaths.

The State Child Fatality Review Team (SCFRT) Committee is mandated by state statute. Local teams are optional. Senate Bill 6, 79th Texas Legislature, amended Section 264.503 of the Texas Family Code, moving responsibility for the support and coordination of CFRTs and the SCFRT from DFPS to DSHS. An Interagency Agreement was developed to divide the fiscal support of the CFRT project between DFPS and DSHS for FY 2006. Beginning in FY 2007, DSHS will be completely responsible.

There are 46 teams covering 150 counties. These local teams are in geographic locations that account for almost 90% of all child deaths in the state.

The statutory and/or constitutional provisions for this sub-strategy are the Texas Family Code, Title 5 and the HR Code, Chapters 40 and 42.

## External/Internal Factors Impacting Sub-strategy:

Preventable child deaths are associated with social factors such as poverty, unemployment, and lack of education Thus, the extent to which these large-scale social factors are addressed by society impacts the number of preventable child deaths that come to the attention of the Child Fatality Review Teams. Lack of participation in review teams or non-compliance with statutory duties by local teams in the data collection process would affect the accuracy of the data, which is an essential element of the project.

The 79th Legislature mandated that the death certificates and birth abstracts be issued to CFRTs at no charge, effective 6/1/05. The effect of this has been to revive dormant teams and to encourage formation of additional teams.

The only federal funds participation in this sub-strategy is Title IV-B, subpart 1. The State match requirement is fulfilled by General Revenue funds expended in the Foster Care strategy.